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Your Privacy is Our Concern

By Deborah Barrow,
Library Director

Your driver's license and social security card numbers, home and e-mail addresses, phone numbers, place of birth – all are elements of your identity that are requested by many institutions in order to transact business with you. Credit card companies are increasing their offers for identity theft insurance. The news media sources debate the appropriateness of government surveillance. On a daily basis, more and more information is accumulated about your daily life. There is little wonder that consumers are sensitive about giving personal information.



Is your privacy covered?

Use of personal data is commonplace, difficult to avoid, and sometimes irritating to the consumer. Occasionally in protest, I forego the discount card at the grocery store. Not having cash, I use my debit card and the sales clerk says, "Thank you for shopping with us, Ms. Barrow!" Obviously, my name was linked to the purchase using the debit card. So much for my small effort at protesting the lack of privacy!

The Sunnyvale Library is aware of patrons' concerns about privacy and possible unauthorized use of personal information. As the Library offers a wider range of Internet services, precautions regarding patron privacy are put into practice. The Library's catalog system currently features self

checkout, Web-based patron-initiated renewals and reserves, and e-mail notification for materials that are due. Patrons who use these features can create their own pin numbers. Library staff cannot see, nor access the pin numbers.

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Search All Libraries in California with One Click!

By Joan Jackson

Searching for any book in California has just been made a whole lot easier! The California State Library recently unveiled a new research tool called the California Libraries Catalog (Calcat), freely accessible

at www.calcat.org. Calcat is a unique database that shows the holdings of books, videos, audio, maps, and other materials held by libraries in California. Now with one click you can enjoy these benefits:

- Search all California libraries with one search
- See if an item is on the shelf of a specific library
- See which other libraries around the world hold that title
- E-mail or print citations and search results
- Find similar items on similar topics in nearby libraries

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

April 2 – 8, 2006 @ your library®

By Christine Doxtad

Drop by the library during the week of April 2-8 and help us celebrate National Library Week! The theme this year is "Change Your World," reminding us that libraries play a vital role in millions of people's lives, providing them with resources for education, self-help, relaxation and lifelong learning.

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"Imagination" by Jannis Jocius. This photo taken at the Sunnyvale Library won Honorable Mention in the national contest Beyond Words: Celebrating America's Libraries Photo Contest which helped mark National Library Week 1999 and the Bicentennial of the Library of Congress.

Search California. Discover the World!

FIND IT CATALOG

Find the materials you need in California libraries—and libraries around the world.

Log on anytime, anyplace:
www.calcat.org

Once you locate an item of interest, you may visit the library which owns that item, or more conveniently, you can request to checkout that item through the Sunnyvale Library's interlibrary loan service.

Calcat has been made possible because libraries in California and throughout the world have been sharing cataloging records for years with the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC), a worldwide library cooperative. One might think of OCLC as the 'Central Station' of the world library's holdings. OCLC now has more than 61 million item records, and can show which libraries own more than 1 billion items. This library holdings information is called Worldcat. Worldcat records are easily searchable in Google or Yahoo when you type the phrase "Find in a library"

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For complete information on the Sunnyvale Public Library, please call (408) 730-7300 or visit

www.sunnyvalelibrary.org

What Are We Reading?

Angelo Lopez

Book processor and artist

What are you reading?

I've been reading several books that I liked very much. The first one, **Good Grief**, by Lolly Winston was actually a book on CD and I listened to it while I was painting. It's about a woman whose husband has died and she moves to Ashland, Oregon where she meets a troubled teenager, becomes friends with her and together they piece their lives back together. I liked it a lot. It was funny, a good mix of humor and sadness.

I also just finished **American Splendor: the Life and Times of Harvey Pekar** by Harvey Pekar. I chose this because I saw the movie and really liked it and wanted to read the book it was based on. It is actually a graphic novel and is illustrated by several different artists, my favorite being Robert Crumb. The novel is a series of vignettes about the author's ordinary life. Quite intriguing.



Finally, I read **A Court Divided** by Mark Tushnet. I chose this around the time Sandra Day O'Conner retired and I realized I didn't know much about the Supreme Court. I skipped many of the chapters, but the chapters I read were very interesting. I know a little more than I did before about the Court.

How do you decide what to read?

Since I work in the library and see lots of books it's easy for me to find something good to read. And if I don't like it, I just return it and find something else.

But usually I read something because I've heard about the author and want to read something by that person. Or, I'll go see a movie and become intrigued by the subject matter. And since I'm an artist, I



often browse the art section and pick out books about various artists that I like. I don't usually read those, I just look at the pictures and get ideas for my own work.

What do you plan to read next?

Awhile ago I read **Shopgirl** by Steve Martin and liked it, so when I saw his latest book, **The Pleasure of My Company** I decided I'd like to read it too. It's about a young man with an obsessive-compulsive disorder and how he overcomes it. It's funny in parts, but sad too. I also plan to look at A LOT of art books.

What were your favorite books in the past year?

My favorite books were **A Patchwork Planet** by Anne Tyler which is a quirky story about a young man trying to get his life together and **Reading Lolita in Tehran** by Azar Nafisi. **Reading Lolita** is a true story about a group of women living in Iran who meet secretly to discuss great books of Western literature.

A Healthy Home from the Inside Out

An Environmental Program Series

April 22, 2006 marks the annual celebration of Earth Day. This day commemorates learning what you can do to help the environment, and improve the quality of living in your community. The Library Department partnered with the Public Works Department to present a series of programs during this week that are geared towards environmental protection in our city, neighborhoods, and homes. Each of these events will be held in the Program Room at the Sunnyvale Library. All programs are free and no reservation is necessary.

Water Pollution and Prevention

Presented by Sally Personett and Kristy McCumby
Monday, April 17, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

The combined effects of pollution from many sources continue to impact our watershed, and the quality of our water resources. Just what is a watershed? Which watershed do you live in? What can your family do to prevent water pollution? This pollution prevention demonstration introduces simple things you can do to help protect our waterways.

Greening Your Home: Materials and Strategies

Presented by Build It Green; Tuesday, April 18, 7 – 9 p.m.

This workshop will cover materials and strategies that can allow you to create a home that's healthy for you and your family, saves money, and is easy on the environment. You will learn how to:

- Increase comfort, health, and durability;
- Reduce utility bills;
- Make smart material and appliance choices;
- Maintain and operate your home's structure and systems.

Whatever your style or budget, you can enjoy the benefits of a green home!

Cleaning Green

Based on the environmental expert and author Annie Berthold-Bond as presented by Dorlene Russell.

Wednesday, April 19, 1 – 2 p.m.

Learn how to use or make safer, cleaner products for your home. Your whole family benefits.

Why Use Cloth for Your Child?

Presented in cooperation with Tiny Tots Diaper Service.

Wednesday, April 19 , 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

For parents and prospective parents: Workshop includes discussion of why Sunnyvale promotes the use of cloth diapers and a "how to" workshop that shows prospective moms and dads how easy it is to diaper with cloth.

Join the Annual Tree-Planting Tradition this Arbor Day!

By Betsy Wachter

Over a century ago, author Alexander Smith wrote "A man does not plant a tree for himself; he plants it for posterity." This year the Library is again cooperating with the Parks and Recreation Department in planting a tree on the grounds of the Library, which will provide shade, beauty and oxygen for our posterity. The occasion for this event is the annual celebration of Arbor Day, which is held in all 50 states at varying dates from January to May, depending on the expected arrival of Spring weather. California usually celebrates Arbor Day between March 7th and 14th.

Saturday, April 1, at 10:30 a.m., children's librarians will present stories in the library program room for children of all ages and their families. Then the group will move outside to the area where the tree will be planted, joining City Officials and staff from the Trees Division. Children will be invited to help in shoveling dirt over the tree's roots.

For more information about Arbor Day and about trees, ask a librarian or visit the National Arbor Day Foundation's web site at www.arborday.org.

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The Library does not keep any long-term records of items checked out and returned other than on our backup systems. However, Library users who choose to do so, may keep a list under their own personal account on the Library's online catalog system so that they can remember materials they have checked out previously.

Privacy of Internet records in libraries has been at the center of controversy over the last few years in connection with the USA Patriot Act. Sunnyvale Library offers Internet access for public use. At this time, Library users sign up at the service desk to get assigned a computer. The lists of sign-ups are not preserved. In the coming months, the Internet signups will be provided through an automated, self-service system.

A new feature the Library will offer in the near future is credit card payment over the Internet which has proven to be convenient and highly successful for library users at a neighboring library system. Sunnyvale Library has been working with a highly respected vendor to install the SSL certificate needed to safeguard patron personal privacy and financial data.

Staff is working on policies and procedures that allow the library to conduct business in a reasonable and efficient way and still protect your privacy. The City's Information Technology Department, the Finance Department, and Library staff are working in tandem with our vendors to provide the convenience and security needed in conjunction with new library services offered over the Web. We welcome your comments and suggestions as we unveil these new services.



Are You A Teenager?

If so, we want to hear from you!

Teens! Here's your chance to tell us what you think! Come to the Sunnyvale Library and tell the Teen Librarian what kinds of programs you want to see in the next year.

Complete this brief questionnaire and give it to a staff member or e-mail your ideas to us at childref@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us.

What kinds of programs would you attend? _____

Computer and Web programs, like _____

Crafts/How-To programs, like _____

Presentations or Information about _____

Games or tournaments, like _____

I'd like to see a program like this: _____

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Learning Express Library is Added to the Library Web Site

By Christine Doxtad

Is there a test looming in your future? Perhaps you're still in school anticipating the ACT, SAT or the GRE. Or, you're trying to get a job as a firefighter, postal worker or cosmetologist. Do you need to pass the TOEFL or the US citizenship exam? All of these tests and more are available through a subscription database called Learning Express Library.

Learning Express Library is a unique test preparation database designed to help you get ready for the big day. Included are basic academic practice tests for the ACT, GED, GMAT, GRE and SAT and licensing practice tests for civil service jobs, cosmetology, firefighter, law enforcement, postal worker and real estate. There are also ESL skills improvement tutorials and practice for the TOEFL and the US Citizenship test. Even children can master the skills they need to succeed on standardized tests taken at school. The tests are scored, with complete answer explanations and an individualized analysis of the results. You can even take the test over and over if you want.

To access the Learning Express Library, go to the library's Web page, www.sunnyvalelibrary.org and click on "Databases and Online Resources." Then, scroll down the list of databases until you find Learning Express Library. Once you're on the Learning Express Library page you will be asked to create your own account using your library card number.

Taking a test is never pleasant, but some of the worry can be alleviated with study and practice. So give yourself a headstart and try Learning Express Library today.

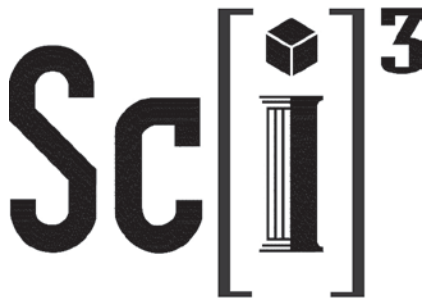
Does test-taking get you down? It doesn't have to! Now practice tests are available through the Learning Express Library database on the Library web site.



Duck and Cover: An Unusual Patent in Time for Spring

By Janet Berkeley

It's time for Spring cleaning. The worst possible social faux pas you could imagine is for someone to drop by and see your vacuum cleaner in all its nakedness. Your blushes can be spared thanks to US patent #5,904,196: "Decorative Cover for Upright Vacuum Cleaner" which states that the "appearance of such devices is not particularly aesthetically pleasing." The patent also says that the cover will "serve to keep dust and dirt from the vacuum cleaner when the device is in storage." So you can kill two birds with one stone and not



have to vacuum your vacuum. If you have a great idea, dust yourself off and visit Sc[i]³, where expert librarians can help with your patent and trademark questions. For more information on Sc[i]³ services, visit our Web site at www.sci3.com.



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United States Patent [19] Wickers

[11] Patent Number: 5,904,196
[45] Date of Patent: May 18, 1999

[54] DECORATIVE COVER FOR UPRIGHT VACUUM CLEANER

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[73] Assignee: Liberty Star, Inc., Maplewood, N.J.

[21] Appl. No.: 08/835,178

[22] Filed: Apr. 7, 1997

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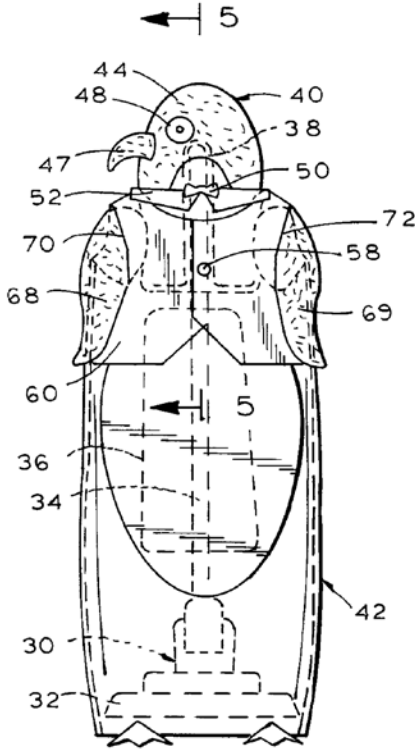
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Country Pattern from Ozark Crafts, "Sweet Suzanne" (see tunnel) 1987.

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[57] ABSTRACT

The head portion of the cover is formed of a fabric wall which fully encloses the soft fill material. The wall defines an internal cylindrical recess with a closed top end and an open bottom. First and second arm-like appendages extend outwardly from opposite sides of the head portion. A substantially tubular fabric body portion attaches to the head portion and has openings adapted to receive the appendages. The visible part of the head portion is provided with animal or character facial elements. The body portion is appropriately decorated to coordinate with the head portion. The cover is received over the vacuum cleaner with the upstanding handle member of the vacuum cleaner extending into the recess in the head portion and the body surrounding the vacuum cleaner.

6 Claims, 5 Drawing Sheets



Did You Know?

More than 14,000 books were added to the Library collection last year. With so many new books, not all are added to the "new book" section. New books can also be found throughout the library.

Fortunately, you can browse the virtual library just as easily as if you were browsing real shelves. To find out what's new in the Library's collection, visit the Library home page at www.sunnyvalelibrary.org, click on "Library Catalog," and then either

- Click on "Advanced Search." Enter your search terms, and then enter 2005 in the "Year" field. This will give you only those items published in 2006.
- or,
- Click on "New Additions." Here you'll find lists of recently added item to the collection.

Some Help with Dangerous Reading

By Steve Sloan

Are you a dangerous reader? Before you finish the book you're reading now, do you not know what book you are going to read next? When you have finished reading the last sentence of your book, are you filled with trepidation, a nail-biting fear that there's no book waiting for you? Why live life on the edge? Librarians can help! If there's one stereotype about librarians that's true, it's that we love to read! Now available online are suggested reading lists created by our librarians just for you. At the Web

address sunnyvale.ca.gov/Departments/Library/Books+Movies+and+Music/Books.htm, you'll find these lists:

For Adults

Chick Lit

Irresistible contemporary novels that deal with the real issues women face every day.

The Da Vinci Code – Fiction and Non-Fiction

If you were intrigued by **The Da Vinci Code**, you may be interested in these related or similar titles.

First in a Series of Mysteries

Mystery and thriller series you won't be able to stop reading!

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Try some of these noteworthy biographies from the past 90 years.

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Guaranteed not to go wrong with these selections!



You'll find *Nanny Diaries* by Emma McLaughlin and Nicola Kraus, *The Devil Wears Prada* by Lauren Weisberger, *Hissy Fit* by Mary Kay Andrews and much more on the Chick Lit suggested reading list!

For Children

Newbery Honor Books

Books selected by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, as distinguished contributions to American literature for children.

Caldecott Medal Winners

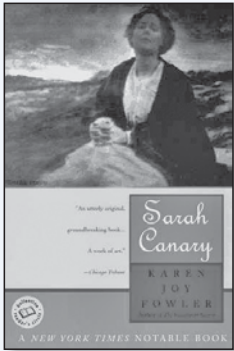
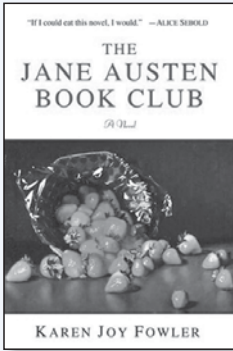
An annual award by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children.

Viewing these lists online allows you to see instantly if the book is available or not by linking to the Library catalog. Watch for more suggested reading lists to be added to the Web page in the near future. Until then, read safe.

National Library Week, from page 1

There are many activities planned for National Library Week, among them:

- Make your own personalized "READ" poster featuring yourself or your family and friends with your favorite books. The original posters, produced by the American Library Association, show well-known celebrities holding books they enjoyed. Look around the Library during Library Week, you might see some of your favorite stars urging you to read.
- Meet Karen Fowler, author of **The Jane Austen Book Club** on Wednesday April 5 at 7 p.m. This cleverly-written book tells the story of five women and one man who discuss only books written by Jane Austen and ruminate about their own lives as well. Ms. Fowler is also the author of **Sarah Canary** and **Sister Noon**.



- Take a tour of the normally "unseen" areas of the library. Find out what goes into getting a book ready to be checked out and other behind the scene activities. These tours will be offered throughout the week at various times.
- Talk to library staff and Board members about how important the library is to you and take home bookmarks, rulers, pencils and more to remind you of your library.

National Library Week began in 1958 out of concern that Americans were spending too much time watching that invention, the television, and not enough time reading. We've come a long way since then, but libraries still remain a place where members of the community can come together to learn, to relax and to exchange ideas. So, come on down and show your support. Remember, there's something for everyone @your library.



You'll find *The No.1 Ladies Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith, *A is for Alibi* by Sue Grafton, *Cover Her Face* by P.D. James and much more on the First in a Series of Mysteries suggested reading list!

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and the title and author of an item. You'll be prompted to enter your zip code and that will show you libraries nearby which have the item you want. Try it, it works!

While Worldcat searches California library holdings just as Calcat does, the difference is that Calcat searches only California library holdings. Calcat also offers interfaces in many languages, including Spanish, Japanese, Korean, Chinese (Traditional), Chinese (Simplified), and French. You can also limit your search to a specific county. The geographic regions in California which are searchable through Calcat include:

- North State
- North Bay Area and Wine Country
- Greater Bay Area
- Monterey Bay Area
- Sacramento-North-Central Valley-Mother Lode
- Central Valley
- San Luis Obispo-Santa Barbara-Ventura
- Los Angeles & Orange Counties
- Riverside-San Bernardino-Inyo Counties
- San Diego & Imperial Counties

A frequently asked question is "When I visit the Calcat site, I have to choose between the "Public Libraries" view and the "All Libraries" view. What's the difference?" The answer is that California residents may enter their address to gain access to the "All Libraries" view, which shows the holding of all the libraries worldwide that participate in this shared catalog. After you conduct your search, you can toggle back and forth between California library holdings and world

library holdings without retyping. The "All Libraries" view includes academic, law libraries, and special libraries.

In addition to visiting the Calcat Web site directly, you will also find links to this great resource on the Sunnyvale Library's Web site on the Web pages showing 'Web Links for Adults,' 'Databases,' and 'Other Library Catalogs.' For help with searching Calcat, please contact the librarians in Adult Services by calling (408) 730-7300, option 6, or by dropping by the Information Desk.



Sunnyvale Public Library

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Library Hours

Monday–Thursday	10am–9pm
Friday & Saturday	10am–6pm
Sunday	12pm–8pm

Book and media drops are located outside the Library for after-hours returns.

Telephone Numbers

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Dial-A-Story (Spanish)
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Library Web Site

www.sunnyvalelibrary.org

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Sunnyvale will make reasonable efforts to accommodate persons with disabilities. If you require special accommodation, please contact the library.

What's on Sunnyvale's mind?

Here are a few of the questions received and answered by reference librarians during the past month:

- I'd like to locate my 96 year-old father. He was a gangster back East.
- How do you care for an apple tree?
- How do I find industry surveys or market share for golf club manufacturers?
- Where can I get a floor plan of a Frank Lloyd Wright design so that I can build a model?
- How many soccer players are in the United States?
- What are the neighborhood laws relating to a tree infringing upon my property?

Got a question?

Reference librarians can be reached by calling (408) 730-7300.